

# Iron County Register

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## NEWS AND NOTES.

### A Summary of Important Events.

FIFTY-FIVE national banks were organized in 1880, eleven passed into voluntary liquidation, and three failed.

JUDGE WILLIAM B. WOODS, the newly appointed Associate Justice, has taken his place on the supreme bench.

The State police claim to have discovered a new secret organization of Socialists extending over the whole of Germany.

COMMUNICATION with the Transvaal is entirely interrupted by the cutting of telegraph wires. The latest advices were that beyond a few beleaguered parties the country has passed entirely out of the control of the British.

THE Hodge Opera-house and the Gargling Oil building, adjoining at Lockport, N. Y., were burned on the 5th. Several firemen and citizens were injured by falling flames. Loss about \$100,000; insurance, \$36,000.

REV. JOHN WESTRUP, who was appointed by the Western Conference as Baptist missionary to Mexico, was murdered and horribly mutilated by twenty Indians, near Monterey, on December 21. The Mexican authorities gave chase, and captured three of their race who were concerned in the murder.

THE Land League trials at Dublin are progressing quietly. The impression prevails that the travelers will be acquitted. It is reported that Enfield rifles have been for some time regularly shipped from Birmingham to Ireland. The Government has ordered the removal of the locks from rifles in the armories of volunteers.

ABSTRACT of the public debt statement, Jan. 3: Decrease during December, \$5,009,439; cash in Treasury, \$222,299,739; gold and silver certificates, \$2,241,019; certificates of deposit outstanding, \$7,005,000; refunding certificates, \$2,740,400; legal-tenders outstanding, \$346,081,016; fractional currency outstanding, \$7,147,580. Total debt, \$2,009,836,000; total interest, \$21,566,870.

THE Cheyenne River and Lower Brule Sioux have accepted the terms offered them by the Chicago & Northwestern and Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroads for rights of way through their reservation. They are to receive \$5 per acre for every acre of land taken by the railroads. The contracts were duly signed at Washington in the presence of the Secretary of the Interior.

THE Legislatures of California, Nevada, Tennessee and Texas met on the 3d of January; Delaware, Florida, Nebraska, New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania on the 4th; Colorado, Illinois, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri and North Carolina on the 5th; Indiana and Mississippi on the 6th; Connecticut on the 7th; Arkansas on the 10th; Kansas and New Jersey on the 11th; West Virginia and Wisconsin on the 12th.

TEN lives were lost by a tenement house fire in New York City, on the morning of the 4th. Plumber were thawing out some frozen water-pipes at No. 35 Madison Street, when a can of gasoline used by them exploded, setting fire to the surrounding wood-work. The flames quickly communicated to the stairway, up which they rushed with terrific volume, cutting off this means of escape to the occupants of the upper floors. The building was five stories high and occupied by eight families. Those on the lower floors jumped from the windows and escaped with more or less bodily injuries. The upper floor was occupied by Mrs. Ellen Sheridan and her family of four children and Mrs. Cassidy and three children. These, together with a girl named Egan, were all suffocated or burned to death.

GENERAL WALKER, the Census Superintendent, has issued a statement giving the population of the various States and Territories. In some instances the figures are approximated, but they are very nearly correct. New York leads all the States with a population of 5,083,173. Pennsylvania follows with 4,282,738. Ohio comes third with 3,197,794, and is closely followed by Illinois with a population of 3,078,838; Missouri has 2,169,911; Indiana, 1,978,858; Kentucky, 1,648,599; Iowa, 1,624,463; and Michigan, 1,634,096. Kansas has 955,335. Nevada, with 62,265, is the State of the smallest population, and Delaware's is the next smallest, being 146,654. Colorado, the youngest of the States, had 194,649 people when the census was taken. Of the Territories, Utah, with 143,907, has the most people, and Dakota, without Mormons, has 184,093 people. The total population of the United States is 60,152,839.

A DUBLIN telegram of the 1st announces that arrangements are being made for the organization of flying columns to scour the country, as was done during the Fenian rising. It is intended to start nine columns—two from Dublin, two from the Currah, one from Athlone, one from Cork, one from Fermoy, one from Limerick, and one from Belfast. Each column will consist of a troop of cavalry, a division of artillery with two guns, four companies of infantry, ten sappers, a detachment of the Army Service Corps, a detachment of the Hospital Corps, and one ambulance wagon. Three thousand soldiers are now stationed in Dublin. A dispatch from Cork says the want of employment everywhere is felt, and nowhere more keenly than in those districts where the agitation has taken the greatest hold. Extraordinary efforts are being made in different parts of the country for the purpose of starting public works. Land League meetings, announced to be held throughout Ireland on Sunday, the 3d, were prohibited by the Government. At Drogheda the meeting announced for Sunday was held on the previous day. After Healy and Davitt had made speeches two magistrates summoned the Chairman to stop the meeting, and the riot act was read. The people dispersed quietly. Ten thousand persons were present. A monster meeting took place at Bally Castle on the same day, and a meeting at which 3,000 people were present was held at Killilla. A collision is reported at Tuam between soldiers and the crowd, during which stones were freely thrown.

### PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

At Hamburg, Germany, on New Year's eve, Miss Lulu Wood, daughter of a prominent merchant, and her friend and sister, Miss Kate Campbell, daughter of Col. Campbell, of St. Joseph, Mo., were dressing for a ball, when Miss Wood's dress came in contact with a hot stove and instantly burst into a flame. She started to run, and in passing Miss Campbell's fire communicated to her dress. A servant rushed in and threw a blanket over Miss Wood, extinguishing her burning attire before she had received any serious injuries. Miss Campbell, however, was by this time literally enveloped in flames, and before assistance reached her she was so badly burned that she died the following day.

At Otis, Laporte County, Ind., on New Year's eve, Henry Augustine, aged 18, attempted the murder of the entire family of his uncle, James Augustine. He first shot his uncle, then his aunt, both of whom were aroused from sleep by their nephew entering their room. The two sons, both young men, ran down stairs upon hearing the firing, and were met by their cousin, who shot one of them dead and fired at, but missed, the other. The assassin then fled from the house, but soon returned and expressed great contrition for what he had done, at the same time surrendering his revolver to the surviving cousin. Before his arrest could be effected, however, he again absented himself. Mr. Augustine is likely to recover, but his wife will die. It is said that the young assassin was actuated by revenge for some wrong, real or fancied, in the settlement of his father's estate, and it is believed he had previously attempted to poison the family.

ABE ROTHSCHILD, on trial at Jefferson, Tex., for the murder of Bessie Moore, or "Diamond Bessie," was found not guilty. There was great excitement in the courtroom at the announcement of the verdict, which was probably based upon the theory advanced by Rothschild's attorney, that the girl committed suicide, inasmuch as the dead body could not have remained exposed for nearly fifteen days without showing greater signs of decomposition.

An old colored woman named Slaughter, reported to have turned a century, and her son, aged about sixty, perished from exposure during the recent cold spell, about six miles west of Booneville, Mo., where they owned a small farm. Both were infirm. There were plenty of provisions in the house, and a pile of wood outside, but not cut.

PRESIDENT-ELECT GARFIELD, on the 5th, formally tendered to the Ohio Legislature his resignation as United States Senator, and at the same time notified the United States Senate of the fact.

Mrs. CICERO BROWN, of Norcross, Ga., was fanning the fire with her apron when her clothing ignited and she was burned to death. The unfortunate lady was young and of high social standing. She had been married only a year.

A FIRE on the premises of the Crescent Cotton Press Company at New Orleans, on the morning of the 1st, destroyed a number of wagons and a large lot of expensive paraphernalia in process of construction for the coming Mardi Gras festivities.

THE Marion House and the bank building at Jackson City, Mich., burned on the 31st, involving a loss of some \$70,000.

TWO negroes, Fred Harris and Henry Peters, were killed by the collision of a ballast train and a hand-car near Glencoe, Ky., on the 1st. Wm. Devine, conductor, and several employees were injured.

MAJOR BLOSS, of the Oklahoma colonists, has challenged Lieut. Wood, of the Army.

HENRY WASHINGTON, colored, was hanged at Jackson, Miss., on the 31st, for the murder of Mr. Hill, a worthy white citizen of Hinds County.

ANDREW ENRKE, of Davenport, Iowa, celebrating with a cannon on New Year's Day, was so badly injured by a premature explosion that he will probably die.

BEVERLY MITCHELL and Henry Taylor were badly injured by the explosion of a boiler in the Dupont Paper-mill at Louisville, Ky., on the 1st. The latter is not expected to live.

At the Lockwood House, Sidney, Neb., recently, Detective James L. Smith ended the career of a bad character named Black by shooting him in self-defense.

JAMES SNOW and George Chamberlain, responsible for the recent railway accident near Tiffin, O., have been arrested for murder.

A LITTLE son of Isaac Shane, of East Springfield, O., was lighting pieces of paper at a stove, when his clothes ignited and he was roasted alive.

THE Fond du Lac accommodation train on the Northwestern Road was thrown from the track near Milton Junction, Wis., the passenger-car going down an embankment. Six persons were injured, among them Rev. A. J. Mead, Presiding Elder of the Janesville District, who suffered a fracture of the right shoulder.

THE long-delayed verdict of the Coroner's Jury in the case of the Alpena disaster on Lake Michigan, in October last, has finally been rendered. The Jury find that the vessel was in bad condition and generally unseaworthy, and that the Goodrich Transportation Company should be held responsible for all damages.

At Memphis, on the morning of the 3d, Henry Burton twice shot a barber named Tate and then shot his own wife. Tate returned the fire, mortally wounding the injured husband. Mrs. Burton's wound is not serious; Tate will probably die.

FIVE persons out of six in the family of Samuel Krump, a well-known New York printer, have died from diphtheria within six days at Mr. Krump's mansion in Mont Clair, N. J. A defective sanitary arrangement threw fetid gases into the sleeping apartments.

THE steamer Natchez, while passing Plaquemine, La., was the scene of a tragedy in which one man was killed and another probably drowned. Thomas Cummings was stabbed six times by James Kelly, who plunged into the river to escape arrest and was seen no more.

THE Laredo stage was robbed by highwaymen, sixteen miles south of San Antonio, on New Year's night. The robbers secured about \$1,000 in cash, and \$11,000 in bank checks, which will do them no good. The mail bags were cut to pieces and the letters all opened. The passengers made no resistance and were unharmed.

THE Tennessee House organized on the 3d by the election of W. B. Ramsey, Republican-Greenbacker, for Speaker.

STEPHEN JOY and Jacob Schoonmaker lost their lives by falling walls at a fire at Kingston, N. Y.

In Brooklyn, N. Y., on the night of the 3d, James Walsh, aged 19, killed Barbara Granthal, aged 17, by stabbing her to the heart with a dirk, because she refused to marry him. He then attempted to drown himself, but was fished out of the canal and taken to a hospital.

CHIEF GALL's band of Uncasapa Indians, numbering about 100, were captured, after a short fight, by Major Higgs, and will be taken to Fort Buford. One Indian was killed and two were wounded. The troops suffered no casualties. It is expected that Sitting Bull will surrender without any fight.

A NINE-YEAR-OLD girl, named Wilson, was frozen to death in Wayne County, O., while on her way home alone from school one cold day recently.

SEVEN men, shoveling out a cut on the Nebraska Division of the Chicago, St. Paul & Omaha Railroad, near Oakland, Neb., were run down by a passenger train and six of them killed. Their names are Charles Meyer, Thomas Broughman, A. H. Swanson, Gust. A. Herman, Ole Anderson and John Orrickson. The seventh, named John Adellur, was badly injured, but will likely recover.

A FLAT-BOAT containing eight frozen corpses was picked up by a Government steam-launch between Beaufort and Port Royal, S. C., on the 3d. It was ascertained that the boat's crew had been drinking heavily on the previous night, while on their trip from St. Helena to Port Royal. It is supposed that while under the influence of liquor they fell asleep, drifted out, and froze to death from exposure.

THE residence of Elihu Sperry, at New Haven, Conn., was robbed recently of \$45,000 in bonds and other securities, and a nephew of Sperry, a young man named Harland, is under arrest charged with the theft.

MRS. HARMAN, living near Midway, Ky., was fatally burned by her clothing taking fire.

GENERAL JOHN F. MILLER has been nominated by the Republican caucus of the California Legislature to succeed Booth as United States Senator.

GOVERNOR-ELECT PORTER, of Indiana, was married on the 5th, in New York City, to Miss Cornelia Stone, daughter of a wealthy farmer of Western New York. The bridegroom was a widower, and has a son and daughter both nearly grown.

HON. OTTO DREISLER, a leading and wealthy German lawyer of Columbus, O., committed suicide on the 5th, by shooting himself. Mr. Dreiser left Germany during the troubles of 1848, and has for many years been a leading Democratic politician, and has served the district as a member of the Legislature. It is rumored that recent financial reverses induced him to commit the deed.

As the result of a saloon quarrel at Cambridge, Tex., on the 4th, James Curtis, a well-known cattle man, was shot dead by Van Rice, and the latter was badly wounded by Curtis. Rice was arrested and taken to a doctor's office, and while undergoing treatment some person fired through the window, the ball entering Rice's breast, inflicting a fatal wound.

### CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

CONGRESS reassembled on the 5th. Among the Senate bills introduced was one by Mr. Ingalls, to provide for the sale of the reservation of prairie land of Potawatomi Indians in Kansas. The Vice-President submitted from the Secretary of War papers showing the maintenance of a channel at South Pass, Mississippi River, for the quarter ending November 9, 1880. The bill for the relief of Ben Holliday was taken up, but without action. In the House, Mr. Springer (D., Ill.) introduced a bill providing for the removal of the Vice-President under new laws. The bill recognizes the principle of minority representation. It was referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections. Mr. Wood (D., N. Y.) introduced a bill to amend the act relating to the funding bill, and the House went into session. The Inter-State Commerce bill was taken up and Mr. Reagan (D., Pa.) moved in favor of his substitute for the pending bill.

### LATE NEWS ITEMS.

In the Senate, on the 6th, the Consular and Diplomatic Appropriation bill was reported and placed on the calendar. In the House the morning hour was dispensed with and the Funding bill was taken up in Committee of the Whole, speeches being made by Messrs. Kelley (R., Pa.), Weaver (Gr., Iowa), McLane (D., Mo.), Springer (D., Ill.), and others, in opposition to the bill, and by Mr. Chittenden (R., N. Y.) in its favor. Mr. Phillips (D., Mo.) also spoke in favor of his substitute for the proposed bill.

THE President has nominated General Nathan Goff, Jr., of West Virginia, as Secretary of the Navy. Gen. Goff has been for twelve years United States District Attorney for West Virginia, and four years ago was the Republican candidate for Governor in that State.

THE Queen's speech, read at the opening of Parliament, says that the ordinary powers of law have proved insufficient to deal with the existing troubles in Ireland, and that additional powers will be immediately asked for. The Irish Land Act of 1870 has been of great benefit, but under the strain of recent and calamitous years has not been found sufficient either in Ulster or other provinces. A further development of its principles is recommended, with a view to giving a larger portion of the people an opportunity to acquire by purchase a permanent proprietary interest in the soil, and this legislation will require the removal of all obstacles arising out of limitations on the ownership of property. As an additional security for interests involved, a measure will be submitted for the establishment of a county government in Ireland, founded upon representative principles, and framed with the double aim of confirming the popular control over the expenditures, and of supplying a yet more serious want by extending the formation of habits of local self-government.

At Newark, N. J., on the 6th, Mrs. Mettlicher and her paramour, Frank Lammen, were hanged from the same scaffold, their crime being the murder of Mrs. Mettlicher's husband in October, 1879; and at Philadelphia, on the same day, Daniel F. Sullivan and Patrick Hayes were hanged, the former for the murder of his wife, and the latter for killing a woman with whom he had lived, but who had separated from him at the time of the murder.

A BOILER in the puddle-mill of the Allentown (Pa.) Rolling-mill exploded on the 6th, damaging the mill to the extent of \$30,000 and instantly killing John Shak, aged 48, and fatally wounding Hugh Gallagher, aged 23; Hugh Harrington, aged 19; Patrick McGee, aged 16; James Rority, aged 18; and Charles McCloskey, aged 18; besides badly injuring six others.

### OCCURRENCES OF INTEREST.

From a list, published in the Chicago Tribune, of the names of prominent individuals who died during the year 1880, we compile the following, belonging to the United States:

Adolph E. Borie, ex-Secretary of United States Navy; Hon. William A. Howard, Governor of Dakota; Richard B. Connolly, ex-Comptroller of New York City; ex-Governor Edward Clark, Texas; ex-Mayor George Opdyke, New York; ex-Governor Albert G. Brown, Mississippi; ex-Governor John A. Campbell, Wyoming Territory; ex-Governor Robert of Louisiana; Governor William of Indiana; ex-Governor Westcott, of Florida; ex-Governor Henry S. Foster, Tennessee; ex-Governor McClelland, of Michigan; Benjamin K. Phelps, United States District Attorney, New York City.

EX-MEMBERS OF CONGRESS. General John Brislin, Pennsylvania; Samuel G. Arnold, Rhode Island; William W. Warren, Massachusetts; Thomas F. Bayard, Delaware; Joseph Segar, Virginia; John Robbins, Pennsylvania; George B. French, Maine; J. B. Howell, Iowa; Jacob Brinkhoff, Ohio; Joseph R. Chandler, Pennsylvania; William Bigler, Pennsylvania; James Alexander Selden, Virginia; Herschel V. Johnson, Georgia; Len Bartolomew, New Jersey; Robert McClelland, Michigan; H. C. Ritter, Kentucky; Charles Albright, Pennsylvania; Fayette McChesney, Virginia; Everts W. Farr, New Hampshire; Percy Walker, Alabama; C. D. Coffin, Ohio; Charles Knapp, New York; Lafayette S. Foster, Connecticut; Henry D. Foster, Pennsylvania.

UNITED STATES ARMY. Brevet-Major-General George Sykes, Major-General Hector Tyndale, General Joseph W. Revere, Major-General Heintzelman, General Albert J. Myer (Old Probabilities), General Alfred Thayer, General Richard S. Satterlee, United States Navy.

Commodore Homer C. Blake, Captain John Carson, revenue marine; Isiah Hanscom, Chief of the Bureau of Navigation; Commodore Edward Barrett, Rear-Admiral Thatcher, Chief-Engineer John S. Albert, Commodore Lowry, Rear-Admiral Stribling.

THEOLOGICAL. Bishop Gilbert Haven, M. E. Church, Malden, Mass.; Jacob Ide, D. D. Congregational, West Medway, Mass.; William McAllister, Methodist, New York City; Rev. H. S. Moore, Director of the Theological Seminary, Emmitsburg, Mo.; Rev. Adolph Baltzer, President German Evangelical Synod of North America, St. Louis, Mo.; Rev. F. W. Kennedy, Editor Southern Christian Advocate, Macon, Ga.; Rev. Jeremiah B. Jeter, D. D. Baptist, Richmond, Va.; Prof. D. L. Tressler, D. D., President, Lutheran College, Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va.; Rev. Robert L. Dashiell, D. D., Methodist Episcopal Church, Newark, N. J.; Rev. George Pynchard, Congregational, Boston, Mass.; Rev. Br. Osgood, Episcopal, New York City; Bishop Pellicier, Roman Catholic, San Antonio, Tex.; Rev. A. J. May, Methodist, Presbyterian theologian, New Haven, Conn.; Dr. William Matthews, Presbyterian, Louisville, Ky.; Rev. Dr. William Adams, New York City; Rev. Dr. O. E. Daggett, Professor of Divinity, Yale College; Rev. S. D. Dennison, D. D., N. Y. City; Rev. William S. Plummer, D. D., Baltimore, Md.; Bishop David S. Daggett, Richmond, Va.; Thomas H. Newton, D. D., Petersburg, Va.; Rev. John McCloskey, President Mount St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Md.; Rev. John S. Phelps, Methodist, Trenton, N. J.; Rev. Dr. Edwin H. Chapin, New York City.

SCIENCE AND EDUCATION. Prof. William Livingston, Lombard College, Galesburg; Prof. Samuel Gardiner, electrician and inventor, Buffalo, N. Y.; Prof. I. O. Chapman, Mount Union College, Ohio; Prof. F. A. Allen, Principal Pennsylvania Normal School, Pottsville; Frederick Beck, poet, Washington, D. C.; O. H. English, school-book publisher, Pittsburgh, Pa.; James Lenox, founder of the Lenox Library, New York; Prof. James Dacomb, Oberlin College, Ohio; D. K. Jones, inventor of lifeless matches, Chillicothe, O.; J. Davis, editor Literary Digest, New York City; Prof. John C. Bull, American Asylum for Deaf and Dumb, Hartford, Conn.; Rev. Barnes Sears, ex-President of Brown University; Prof. Hiram Collier, Nebraska State University; John B. Gordon, Professor of Mathematics, University of Arkansas; Jacob Ball, geologist, Texas; Benjamin Pierce, Professor of Mathematics, Harvard College, Massachusetts; Prof. James C. Watson, astronomer, Madison, Wis.

JOURNALISM. Herman Ross, Swedish American, Chicago; George W. Bliss, Mineral Point, Wis.; J. B. F. Frank Leslie, New York City; Thomas L. Grant, Evening News, Detroit, Mich.; L. P. Plummer, Tribune, Minneapolis, Minn.; William H. Brewster, Traveler, Boston, Mass.; George D. Hebard, Gallipolis Ledger, Ohio; R. F. Lee Shaffer, Montgomery (N. Y.) Standard; Charles Smith, Kook, (Pa.) Constitution; C. C. Taylor, Philadelphia Times; John F. Wheeler, Fort Smith (Ark.) Independent; John Nugent, San Francisco Herald; James J. Ross, Mayville (Ky.) Bulletin; T. W. Elcheimer, Des Moines (Iowa) State Register; Chauncey Newman, Ohio Engineer; Charles E. Smith, Andrews, correspondent, Washington, D. C.; Samuel R. Glenn, New York Herald; George Brown, Toronto Globe; Edwin A. Tucker, Hartford (Conn.) Evening Post; George Ripley, New York Tribune; David L. Phillips, State Journal, Springfield, Ill.; J. Bradbury, New York Herald; Alexander W. Root, Pittsburgh Dispatch; Robert Louie, Auburn (N. Y.) Courier; Germon Foss, Woonsocket (R. I.) Patriot; Solon Robinson, New York Tribune; William Stengel, Westliche Post, St. Louis; Hiram Fuller, New York; Charles W. Whipple, Louisville Courier-Journal; Charles E. Smith, Cincinnati Gazette; Edward Lloyd Fox, Christian Union, New York; Jerome B. Rittison, New York Herald; John Nugent, San Francisco Herald; Gerard Smith, New Orleans Picayune.

LITERATURE. Richard Frothingham, historian, Boston, Mass.; May A. Fessenden, poetess, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Dr. Edmund Bailey O'Callaghan, historical writer, New York; Lydia Maria Child, Weyland, Mass.; E. D. Mansfield, New Haven, Conn.; George Merriam, Springfield, Mass., publisher Webster's Dictionary.

A Brave Engineer. The bravery of locomotive engineers has often been dwelt upon, and many heroic acts by the brave fellows have heretofore been chronicled. One of the most heroic deeds on the part of an engineer yet recorded was performed recently by Engineer Bond, of Wabash Engine 37. His engine left Toledo Sunday at 5:50 p. m., pulling the No. 3 west-bound passenger-train. When nine miles west of Defiance, Ohio, one of the driving-rod broke in twain on the engine's side. The fragments tore up through the cab, and the driver, stunned and bruised, lay on top of the coal in the tender. There was great danger of the broken driving-rod throwing the engine from the track and wrecking the train. The broken rod kept chopping up through the very air, and the whole train was in a "brake-down" could not be called. The momentum of the train gradually increased, and the danger of ditching the whole train was paramount in the engineer's mind. As he recovered himself a happy thought struck him. The train was supplied with automatic brakes. If he could put the pipe and allow the wind to escape the brakes would set themselves. He put his ideas into action by putting his penknife between his teeth and climbing back to the rear of the tender, and getting between that and the first coach; he reached down while the train thundered along at fifty miles an hour, and at the risk of his life succeeded in cutting a slit in the brake hose. The brakes, faithful to their duty, set themselves and brought the train to a halt. The engine further damage. Of course the passengers, when they heard of their narrow escape, were much in their praises of Bond's bravery. Chicago Tribune.

GENERAL ORD will be presented with a residence in San Antonio, Texas.

### A FIRE HORROR.

Terrible Fate of Ten Occupants of a Tenement House in New York City. Windows Obligated to Leap from Lifty Feet to the Pavement Below.

At 8:15 this morning a fire broke out at the tenement in the rear of James Doyle's liquor store, 35 Madison street. It started at the bottom of the stairs that furnished the only exit for the tenants in the five-story building, excepting the fire-escape attached to the building outside, and in less than five minutes swept through the stairway to the roof, cutting off the escape of a score of persons. The flames soon found vent also through the two lower stories, and thus barred access by the fire-escape. The tenants, panic-stricken, made a rush for the roof, but the scuttle was firmly locked, and would not yield. Ascending, the flames drove the people back within their rooms. The wildest confusion reigned. Men and women threw their children from the windows and jumped after them through the flames that swept across the yard and set their clothing ablaze.

When the firemen obtained mastery, the dead bodies of nine persons who had been burned were taken out from the building. Several were injured in their efforts to escape, and were sent to the hospital.

The scene of the calamity is approached through a narrow alley hardly wide enough to allow the passage of a party man between two tall tenements, Nos. 35 and 37 Madison street. In front of the house No. 35 is Doyle's liquor store. Its back door opens directly upon a narrow hallway in the rear of the tenement where the fire obtained its start. Plumbers were at work at the foot of the stairs, sawing out frozen water-pipes, and for this purpose used gasoline. The vessel, however, some means upset, and becoming ignited, there was an explosion, which blew in the door of the saloon.

In an instant black smoke rolled up the long stairway, drawn onward by the draught caused by an open window in the top story. There was a momentary hush as the frightened plumbers hurried into the yard. A man sitting by the bar-room stove slammed the hall door on the advancing fire. Immediately there was a wild rush overhead, and the air was filled with the walls of imprisoned men and women, shrieks of frightened children, and cries for help.

The bar-keeper and plumbers ran through the street to the nearby police station. Very soon the clang of fire-bells filled the street, and the narrow alley became filled with firemen and police struggling to bring help to the imprisoned and burning tenants. The flames too late. The fire, finding vent through the open doors and windows of the untenanted ground floor of the house and through the door, had seized upon the shutters, window-frames, and wooden floors of the saloon outside, licking them up like so much tissue paper, and reaching upward toward the floors where the frightened occupants were huddled together.

Eight families occupied the house, two on each floor. From the second floor the Egan and Muldoon families had at the first alarm escaped through the windows. Mrs. Mary Egan (widow) and her four grown children, Margaret, Thomas, Joseph and John, reached the ground in safety by a quick jump. Mrs. Muldoon, who is over eighty years of age, was less fortunate. Seizing her two granddaughters, Annie, aged ten years, and Kate, aged seven, she sprang from the fire-escape, but in the fall broke her leg, and crawled away with difficulty.

On the third floor, Mr. Regan, who lived alone, escaped with his neighbors, the McKee family, likewise by jumping. James, aged nine, Hugh, aged four, and the baby, were thrown from a window by Charles McKenna, their eldest brother, a lad of fifteen. The mother was sweeping in the yard when the fire broke out. She rushed to the stairway, but was met by a solid sheet of flame, and realizing the danger of her children, rushed them by jumping, before they knew of their danger. "Jump, Charles; throw them down," she agonized mother cried, and stretched out her arms to receive them as the three little heads looked over the window sill beside their brother. The mother appealed to Charles to throw the children to her and then to jump himself. The boy quickly measured the distance to the ground from his third-story perch, and taking the baby up first, tossed it out, and it fell into the arms of its mother, who caught the other children as they were sent to her one by one, and finally broke the fall of Charles as he leaped, and all escaped unhurt.

On the fourth floor lived Cassidy and another family of Egan's. The Cassidy family, unable to escape to the roof, flung themselves from the window. Two of the children, Charles and Thomas, aged six and eight years, remained in the rooms and were burned to death. The Egan family also leaped to the yard, except a child, aged two years, that was suffocated. Mary Egan, in the fall, was badly injured.

On the fifth and topmost story Mrs. Ellen Sheridan was at breakfast with her four children. At the first alarm she gathered together the children and sought to escape by the stairs, but the fire had possession of them. There was no success from the street, and she sought the scuttle in the roof, but it was too movable. She shrunk back from the leap to the yard, five stories below, and closing the door of her apartment to keep out the rapidly advancing flame, herself and children were suffocated by the smoke rapidly filling the room.

A youth named Donegan, through an adjoining house, had reached the roof of the burning building, and with an ax, demolished the scuttle. Kate Sheridan, with a child in her arms, endeavored to escape. Her clothing was ablaze. As the girl nearly reached the top she extended her arm to Donegan, who grasped it, but the flesh peeled back into the flames, and the girl and child fell back into the flames, pieces of the charred flesh remaining in the hands of Donegan.

Another victim of the fire was found this afternoon, making the total ten. This addition to the number is the babe of Mrs. Cassidy, which was discovered wrapped in a blanket and clasped to the breast of its dead mother.

Timothy Harrington, the plumber, is arrested. His hands are burned. He charges the whole disaster to the carelessness of his boy, helper named McLean, who has disappeared. Their employer, Mr. Patten, has also been arrested.

### Population of States and Territories.

The Superintendent of the Census makes the following approximate statement of the population of the States and Territories:

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| Alabama.....         | 1,232,814 | Montana.....        | 20,137     |
| Arizona.....         | 48,441    | Nebraska.....       | 422,426    |
| Arkansas.....        | 825,942   | Nevada.....         | 6,236      |
| California.....      | 864,698   | New Hampshire.....  | 267,784    |
| Colorado.....        | 294,042   | New Jersey.....     | 1,158,528  |
| Connecticut.....     | 625,000   | New Mexico.....     | 106,628    |
| Dakota.....          | 294,042   | New York.....       | 5,083,173  |
| Delaware.....        | 124,000   | North Carolina..... | 1,600,000  |
| District of Col..... | 377,000   | Ohio.....           | 3,197,794  |
| Florida.....         | 226,500   | Oregon.....         | 17,747     |
| Georgia.....         | 1,538,989 | Pennsylvania.....   | 4,282,738  |
| Iowa.....            | 1,624,463 | Rhode Island.....   | 118,628    |
| Kansas.....          | 955,335   | South Carolina..... | 592,708    |
| Kentucky.....        | 1,648,599 | Tennessee.....      | 1,642,463  |
| Louisiana.....       | 1,231,451 | Texas.....          | 1,231,451  |
| Maine.....           | 92,235    | Utah.....           | 14,907     |
| Massachusetts.....   | 1,648,599 | Vermont.....        | 229,248    |
| Michigan.....        | 1,634,096 | Virginia.....       | 1,512,000  |
| Minnesota.....       | 1,634,096 | Washington.....     | 15,129     |
| Mississippi.....     | 1,634,096 | West Virginia.....  | 618,198    |
| Missouri.....        | 1,634,096 | Wisconsin.....      | 1,213,597  |
| Nebraska.....        | 422,426   | Wyoming.....        | 20,137     |
| Nevada.....          | 6,236     | Total.....          | 60,152,839 |

Perpetual motion—a motion to adjourn, which is always in order.—Boston Transcript.

SILENCE is the safest course for any man to adopt who distrusts himself.

### SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY.

THE Brooks Locomotive Works at Paterson, N. J., have just finished a locomotive engine, Monday and Saturday, on an average, value about \$8,000 each.

An accident has been discovered at Milwaukee from which 12,000 pounds of oleomargarine are sent out every day, with no means to distinguish it from genuine butter.

GERBAUT finds that the small quantity of carbonic oxide arising from the combustion of coal gas can scarcely be detected by its effects upon animals compelled to breathe an atmosphere containing it.

A very large vacuum-pan has been made by a firm in Chicago for a California sugar refinery. It holds 7,600 gallons, yields at each "strike" from 250 to 260 barrels of dry sugar, and has a heating surface of 1,000 square feet in the inclosed copper coils.

An observing ocean-steward captain says he knows once whether a young woman has left her lover at one port or expects to meet him at another. If her lover is behind her, she cares nothing for wind, rain, or fog, but gets tanned, freckled, and roughened in a highly healthful and independent fashion; but, if her lover is waiting for her, she takes infinite trouble with veils and other complexion preservatives.

The colossal crane at Woolwich, England, which has been upward of four years in process of erection, and is the most powerful in the world, has now assumed a definite shape in the operation of fixing the great girder. The immensity of the work is illustrated by the weight of the iron employed in its construction, which, in the aggregate, exceeds eighteen hundred tons, while the brass bearings alone amount to more than three tons. When completed the crane will be capable of lifting three or four one-hundred-ton guns at once.

H. L. CURRIER, of Biddeford, Me., one of the proprietors of the Biddeford Machine Works, is having constructed for his own use a steam road-wagon, which is expected to make good time on any ordinary highway. The vehicle looks very much like an ordinary wagon, except that it has no shafts, and weighs but 450 pounds